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Subject: RE: lab testing methods

ADA Capachietti, I just checked with Kate Corbett who was the primary chemist involved in this case. The second chemist who performed the GC/MS testing was Annie Dookhan. Please check the certificates of analysis for items [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of this case. There is the possibility that the second chemist's name was incorrectly put into our data base. The certificates may say Kate Corbett and Kate Corbett, even though both chemists Kate and Annie Dookhan signed their names. It could be an oversight on our part, but it can be explained. You can call me at 617 983-6629. Thanks

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From: Capachietti, Alexandra (EAS)
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2012 2:08 PM
To: Salemi, Charles (DPH)
Subject: RE: lab testing methods

The numbers were [REDACTED]. It looks like the first one was untested residue, the middle 2 were class B and the last one was marijuana, so I will be sure to note to the attorney that the regulations do not apply to the testing of the marijuana. Thank you very much.

-Alexandra

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From: Salemi, Charles (DPH)
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2012 11:20 AM
To: Capachietti, Alexandra (EAS)
Subject: RE: lab testing methods

ADA Capachietti, You can give the defense the SWGDrug Recommendations. The laboratory does preliminary tests on all submissions and then confirms all positive results with a confirmatory structural identification, usually GC/MS. This excludes Marijuana. What is the item # you are concerned about?

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From: Capachietti, Alexandra (EAS)
Sent: Sunday, January 08, 2012 10:23 AM
To: Salemi, Charles (DPH)
Subject: RE: lab testing methods

Mr. Salemi,

Thank you so much for the information. I am going to notify the judge of the fact that the lab uses the SWGDRUG recommendations. I expect that the next step will be that the defense attorney will request to be provided with a copy of the recommendations. First of all, do you think there is an issue with turning them over to a defense attorney? Secondly, if they are turned over, I just want to be clear in the exact manner that they are used. You reference them as "recommendations" - does that mean that chemists are free to follow them or not follow them?

Essentially, what I expect the defense attorney to do is cross-examine the testing chemist at trial as to whether he or she followed the recommendations (which I am sure the attorney will refer to as mandatory protocols or procedures) and if the chemist says that he or she in some way varied from the recommendations (which they may very well be permitted to do by the laboratory supervisors), then the defense attorney will argue that the chemist was not following the rules, and therefore his or her testing of the substance was in some way invalid. Any information that you could provide would be very helpful. Thank you.

-Alexandra

From: Salemi, Charles (DPH)
Sent: Wednesday, January 04, 2012 5:12 PM
To: Capachietti, Alexandra (EAS)
Subject: FW:lab testing methods

ADA Capachietti, Our laboratory uses the testing methods recommended by SWGDRUG to identify drugs submitted to our laboratory. SWGDRUG, the Scientific Working Group for the Analysis of Seized Drugs, is an international group that looks at testing methods used throughout the forensic community, and then makes recommendations on what labs should do. I have included a copy of those recommendations. We use a combination of the tests suggested. I hope this helps you. Take care.

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